

UNION RAILROAD CHIEFS DECIDE ON NO STRIKE

UTILITIES BOARD REJECTS PLEA FOR HIGHER GAS RATES HERE

PROPOSAL TO RAISE WHOLESALE PRICES SUSPENDED

HITS THREE CITIES

MARSEILLES AND STREATOR EFFECTED BY CLAIMS OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY—SCHEDULE TO REMAIN UNCHANGED UNTIL JULY 31.

Springfield, Ill., March 9.—(Special.)—A proposal to increase wholesale gas rates in Ottawa, Streator and Marseilles of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois were suspended today until July 31, 1920, in order of the state public utilities commission.

The petition, which has been in pending before the state board for several weeks, was not acted upon until this morning, when a decision was reached forbidding any raise in rates or changes from the present schedule until after the date fixed by the commission for a future hearing.

Nothing Known Here.

The notice that the Public Service company had appealed to the utilities commission for a boost in its whole sale rates in Ottawa, Streator and Marseilles came as a surprise to Ottawans closely acquainted with the affairs of the gas corporation.

The move, it is thought, was made out of the company's main office at Joliet, without any knowledge of the petition being sent to Ottawa.

WOMAN WHO SERVED OVERSEAS TALKS TO CITY CLUB MEMBERS

MISS MARY AHERN, EDITOR OF PUBLIC BRARY MAGAZINE, THIS AFTERNOON DELIVERED EXCELLENT ADDRESS TO WOMAN'S ORGANIZATION.

A large number of Ottawa women gathered at the Congregational church this afternoon to listen to the talk given by Miss Mary Ellen Ahern, librarian of national repute, of Chicago. The meeting was under the auspices of a Tuesday Study Circle of the club.

Miss Ahern is the editor of the Public Library Magazine, which she started twenty-five years ago, and has been interested directly in library work for a great many years. During the war she served overseas, first in the publicity department of the war libraries department and later assisted in getting reading materials to the boys near the front.

Possessing a great deal of magnetism, her talk was one of the most interesting heard by the members of the club for a long time. "Where Do We Go From Here?" was her subject. She took for the basis of her talk the spirit with which libraries were gathered together for the soldiers during the world war. "Give our boys and young men as good reading material to live with in the United States as we sent them to die with in France," she said.

She spoke of the effect on the lives of young people of the printed matter they read, and urged that excellent books be put in the local library, as they developed the minds of those who read them. Suggesting that the American people put their minds on the development of people rather than things she spoke on the steps taken by stock raisers to get perfect animals, while mothers and fathers send their children to school to study and live for several hours each day under teachers that they did not even know by name. She urged people to be just as careful in the training of their children as stock raisers were with their animals.

Miss Ahern will speak to the members of the library board tonight.

The Crown's Share.

Under English common law, the shore that lies between low and high tide belongs to the crown.

APPELLATE COURT HOLDS LA SALLEAN MUST PAY ALIMONY

GEORGE MASON'S PLEA THAT \$75 WAS TOO MUCH FOR HIM TO GIVE EX-WIFE A MONTH, FAILS TO IMPRESS HIGH COURT JUDGES.

The decision of the La Salle County Circuit Court was upheld by the Supreme Court in a decision handed down today in the separate maintenance case of Mrs. Susan Mason of La Salle against her husband, George Mason. The case was heard in the Circuit Court and Mrs. Mason was awarded alimony of \$75 a month. Her husband considered this too much and took an appeal.

Mrs. Mason charges her husband with adultery and cruelty, which Mason denied in his answer. The judges in handing down their decision stated they found the couple had been married since 1910, that the wife was in ill health and that the husband could afford to pay her \$75 a month alimony.

Wants Pension.

Mrs. Katherine Winter of Streator, filed a petition in the County Court today asking a mother's pension for the care of her two children, Frances, aged 7, and Monroe, aged 5. The father of the children died on January 26th, after an illness of pneumonia. The family resides at 401 Ashland street.

Orphans Taken Home.

Five little children, ranging in age from eighteen months to ten years, whose home was wrecked when their mother died of influenza, on February 14th were taken to the La Salle County Detention Home today by Miss Emma Ausman to become wards of the county. The children were the children of Leonard Salsak of the Federal Plate district.

Unable to care for his motherless babies and give them anything like the proper care the father went into the County Court yesterday afternoon and asked Judge Beck to commit the children to the home. After hearing the evidence the judge signed the order and Steve, Pauline, Mary, Annie and Lambert were taken to the institution to wait until some one wants them and takes steps to adopt them. They are hoping that somewhere a mother awaits to take the place of the one who was taken from them by the dread disease.

Alberta Seward, 1632 Phelps street, was also committed to the Detention Home yesterday by Judge Beck. The little girl, who is 4 years old, is the daughter of Charles Seward. Her mother died one year ago.

JOHN M. CORE DIES AT HOME IN GRAND RIDGE

John M. Core, prominent Grand Ridge stockman and one of La Salle's best known residents, passed away at 5 o'clock this morning at his home on East Liberty street, in Grand Ridge. Mr. Core's death followed an attack of erysipelas, which came upon him a week ago.

The deceased was born in Lafayette county, Pennsylvania, February 2, 1852, and in 1889 came to Grand Ridge to make his home. During his subsequent long residence in the village he acquired friendships throughout all parts of the county as a result of his extensive stock raising.

Surviving he leaves his sorrowing widow, one son, Guy of Jackson, Mich., Mrs. Bonnie Metcalf of California, and Mrs. Violet Eire of Belhart, Texas. He also leaves four brothers, Stiles and Clark of Ford City, Iowa, George of Grand Ridge and Elias of Chicago and one sister, Mrs. Emily Tomlinson of Grand Ridge.

Arrangements for the funeral are now being completed.

EIGHT DIE IN OHIO SANITARIUM FIRE

(By the Associated Press.)
Gallipolis, Ohio, March 9.—Eight patients are dead and two are expected to die as a result of a fire which early this afternoon destroyed one cottage and the dancing pavilion at the Ohio hospital for epileptics. The dead and injured were patients at the institution.

20 CASES POSTED FOR TRIAL MONDAY IN CIRCUIT COURT

CELEBRATED WALLACE SUIT IS SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AFTER LYING IDLE ON DOCKETS FOR PAST NINE YEARS.

Judge Davis, in the circuit court this morning, posted twenty cases which he will call for trial next Monday afternoon, when the March term of court formally opens. The first of these was the Keating-Murray \$150,000 damage suit. It is expected the hearing of this case will take the greater part of the week.

Michael Keating, the plaintiff, is suing to collect damages for an injury alleged to have been received when he was struck in the head by a brick, while the defendant, Thomas Murray, is said to have implied, threatening the plaintiff's skull. The knock out followed a feud among the two men, who are prominent Wallace township farmers.

The case dates back to October 19, 1911. Attorney A. J. O'Connor is representing the plaintiff, while Attorneys James J. Conway and Lee O'Neil Browne represent the defendant.

At the close of the Keating-Murray suit, the \$5000 damage suit of Frank DuShane against the city, will be taken up. Mr. DuShane instituted the proceedings to collect damages alleged to be due him for the damage to his Christie street property which was flooded by a drain running thru a ravine. He claims that his wife and one child became ill from exposure during the flooding, and that another child died from the effects of the high water.

The other cases on the Monday call follow:

Keating vs. Murray;
DuShane vs. City of Ottawa;
Pooler vs. Southwick;
Smith vs. Belrose;
Londruek vs. Metz;
Taylor vs. Coal Company;
Walton vs. Mitchell;
Barley vs. Cuthbertson;
Donnell vs. St. Paul Coal Co.
Swengel vs. C. O. & P. Ry. Co.
Tatel vs. Vittum;
Thurston vs. Vittum;
Swengel vs. C. O. & P. Ry. Co.
McGuire vs. City of La Salle;
Hartshorn vs. Hartshorn;
Thomas vs. Nangle;
Thomas vs. Nangle;
Tomlinson vs. C. O. & P. Ry. Co.
Perot vs. Perot.

The first ten cases subject to call each day.

TENANT OF HOUSE ATTACKED IN COURT MOVES FROM CITY

MRS. KATE SACKS, OWNER OF FAMOUS OLD RESORT, ALLOWED TO TAKE FURNITURE WHEN MAYOR GETS GUARANTY THE COURT COSTS WILL BE PAID.

For the first time in the memory of the city's older residents, if in the history of the resort, 1632, the notorious Fulton street house, is vacant. Yesterday afternoon the furnishings were loaded on an out of town truck and removed to unknown parts.

The injunction decree granted by Judge Eldridge prohibited the furnishings being moved from the house and gave to the sheriff power to dispose of them to pay the costs of the court proceedings which were instituted under the Adams' abatement act. Yesterday Mayor Weiss was informed by a number of people that the furniture was being taken away. He called Attorney C. S. Cullen, who represented Mrs. Sacks in the suit, and was informed by him that he would see to it that the costs were paid.

The complainant offered no objection to the moving out after that. Just what will be the next move of Mrs. Sacks is the cause of much speculation around town. Last Friday, when the hearing was rushed through, it was generally supposed that an appeal would be taken by the defendant.

Mayor Weiss has fought to have the resort vacated ever since his election last spring, and is confident that his effort will be made to rehabilitate the place again. The court injunction prohibits the property from being used for any purpose for one year.

BEER, BOOZE OR BUST



BETTER FARMING ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING AT GAYETY THEATER

REPORTS OF OFFICERS SHOW RESULTS OF LAST YEAR'S WORK — VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS PUT IN AN ACTIVE TWELVE MONTHS' PERIOD.

The sixth annual meeting of the La Salle County Better Farming Association met at 11 o'clock this morning in the Gayety theater to take up and discuss the business of the organization. Frank F. Funk, secretary, presided. Approximately forty farmers were present.

It was announced by Mr. Funk that this gathering was probably the most important of all meetings ever held. The association was organized in the spring of 1914 and 200 farmers in La Salle county enrolled for membership. Since then many more have joined, but the secretary stated that still there was not enough members. Next month the association will start a membership campaign. He stated that the figures had made much progress in the past several years, as many new grain elevators had to be installed, and that now La Salle county has more live stock markets than any other county in the state.

Reports were also made by the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer and chairman of other committees. Following are the reports read at this morning's meeting by the officers:

Live Stock Committee.

The principal lines of live stock work assisted by the association the past twelve months have been the auction sales of registered hogs in connection with the Hog Breeders' association, which has sixty members; an auction sale of registered southern cattle, the bringing together of the southern breeders into a breeding association of twenty-two members, shipping associations, poultry cutting, multiple hitch and calf training. Work has been done with cattle, horses, sheep, hogs and poultry.

At each of the three hog sales last fall it was apparent that breeders were trying to sell more hogs than folks wanted to buy. This has been a very general difficulty. For the best interest of the breeder the breeder and those who use the stock it would be well to send to market a much larger proportion of each pure bred herd than has been generally done in the past. Selling breeding stock to those who are in the high price breed is a game of high finance which does not pay as well as the reports of auctioneers would lead us to believe. We hope that the county breed associations will work to stimulate the production and use the pure bred stock on a basis which will induce the general use of pure breed.

All but the best of pure bred stock should be put on the open market, then these best ones developed in a creditable manner. By doing this then making a price which is enough above that of market stock to give the breeder reasonable pay for his efforts in developing his good ones, we believe farmers will take an interest in the purchasing of pure bred, which will mean a permanent business for reputable, constructive breeders.

Most general farmers do not produce to close judges of breeding stock. They are not in a position to make the investment in the long priced

shift an economical proposition. Neither do they desire to, nor should they, pay more than market price for pure bred cattle. The county breeders' association can do much to benefit the members, the breeders and the local farmer trade by giving attention to these points. It is hoped that the association will soon be in a position to have another assistant, who will devote his entire time to work with live stock buyers.

A calf club proposition was offered to your children last year, but not enough took advantage of the offer to warrant our trying to develop the project. A live stock man might use some of his time developing such lines of work.

Wool Pool.

La Salle county farmers pooled 24,149 pounds of wool last year. This was shipped from three stations—15,284 pounds from Ottawa, June 12; 1,072 pounds from Millington, June 20, and 7,793 pounds from Mendota, June 22. The Ottawa shipment went at the current freight rate and was delivered direct to the commission company's warehouse. The other two shipments went at the less than car load rate to the railroad's Chicago freight house, from which it had to be hauled to the commission company's warehouse at a cost of \$7.50 per load, no matter how large or how small the load. If the commission company learned there were 6,000 pounds or more of less than carload wool at any one freight house at a time this was ordered loaded into a car which was switched to the company's warehouse without charge.

There is an open market for wool in this country. It is hoped that an open market may some time be established. Pooling is a step in that direction. A small amount of pooling has been done in different states for several years, with satisfactory results that last year there was a large increase in the amount pooled. Some of the states besides Illinois which took an active interest in this movement last year were Nebraska, Iowa, Indiana, Ohio and New York.

About one-half a million pounds of wool were pooled in Illinois, which was perhaps about 10 per cent of its total production. Pooling was a new experience for us, and we learned more about the marketing of wool than we ever knew before. The Illinois Agricultural association developed the plan for us and looked after the business. We know it was handled honestly, but sometimes we felt as though the wool and everyone connected with the handling of it had income lost. The National Wool Warehouse and Commission company, an organization of western sheep men in connection with some Chicago capitalists, was formed for the purpose of handling western wool on commission. This company agreed to receive, store for four months, grade, sort, ship out and return an identical shipment to each grower for 2 1/2 cents per pound when the wool was graded last year the different grades were placed in great piles with the other Illinois wool. Samples from these piles were sent to Boston, which is the wool market of the United States. Purchases were principally from such samples, they are buying from a firm which has a reputation for honest grading and square dealing, as the National

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WATCHFUL WAITING COURSE DETERMINED ON BY EXECUTIVES

(By the Associated Press.)

Chicago, March 9.—There will be no strike by the 378,000 railroad maintenance of way men represented in a national meeting here, Grand Vice President Malloy said today.

The grand lodge heads voted to abide by the decision of their president and executive board to give the Esch-Cummings rail bill a trial and to try for better wages by peaceful methods before resorting to a walk-out.

To Refuse Coal Wage Terms.

Indianapolis, March 9.—The United Mine Workers of America will refuse to accept the findings of the bituminous coal commission unless a substantial increase in wages and improved working conditions are provided, it was inferred in a statement issued today from headquarters of the organization.

Unless a settlement of the controversy is made on such a basis, the statement says, the miners will not feel "that full justice has been done."

Suspend Expressman Chief.

Chicago, March 9.—Officials of the International Brotherhood of Railway Expressmen, who cancelled the union card of R. E. Shepherd for calling an unauthorized strike of employees of the American Railway Express company here, today announced the other strike leaders would be expelled from the union.

J. A. Abbott, grand vice president of the brotherhood, characterized Shepherd's action as "illegal and a violation of every principle of union labor" and asked for the names of other men responsible for the walk-out. Abbott began reorganizing the local union.

The "Price of Peace," a five-reel feature film released only recently by the war department, will be exhibited Wednesday night for the first time in an Ottawa audience. The film will be shown at the high school, and admission will be free to the public.

Lieut. Harry O. Barnes, in command of the forty A. E. F. men in the city this week on recruiting service, has made arrangements for the film to be shown to as large an audience as possible. Coupled with this famous picture will be reels showing the Americans in Luxembourg, a special titled "Heroic Deeds" and another captioned "Fifteen Minutes With the Tanks." The movie shows gives promise of being one of the most interesting of the week. The twenty in many months. "The Price of Peace" takes the audience with the troops from the time they left Hoboken until they returned. The film covers active service, shows infantry going over the top and gives a graphic portrayal of all branches of army life in action. "Heroic Deeds" shows Lieut. Harold Fairbairn of Detroit, Mich., capturing single handed twelve machine guns. The time reel shows the whippets at Camp Mead, Md., performing all sorts of antics. To complete the program, Capt. Malloy of the 25th Infantry will explain the pictures as they are flashed upon the screen by Corp. Baker of the 318th Engineers.

To Wreck Piano Walls.

A big feature of the week's recruiting drive will be a demonstration of the tank or destruction bent. This tank will be taken to the walls of the Western Springs Piano company, where it will set about knocking them down. This exhibition will be staged tomorrow afternoon at 4:15 o'clock. The public is invited to see it.

Today an invitation was issued by G. A. R. veterans who came to ride in the tank. Several of the veterans of the civil war have signed a desire to ride the derrick during the parade, and the officers in charge of the parade have promised to give them that chance.

Parade Saturday.

Saturday afternoon there will be a big parade in the loop. The parade will feature regulars, artillery, horses, the famous gun that fired the first shot for the Yanks and the big army trucks. Will take part in this demonstration.

LEAVES ESTATE OF \$9,000 TO HUSBAND

The will of Mrs. Maria A. Barnhart, who died recently, was filed for probate today. The document also gave of personal property and real estate valued at \$9,000. She named it all to her husband, Samuel H. Barnhart, during his life time and in his death to their five children: Charles of Ottawa, Edward of St. Louis, Frank of Peru and Mrs. Alice Barnhart of Pearson, Iowa. The son Charles is named as executor.

ORDER NEW TRIAL FOR ROSE PASTOR STOKES

St. Louis, Mo., March 9.—The United States court, court of appeals, here today reversed the verdict for which Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes, wealthy New York socialist, was convicted in Kansas City in June, 1918, for obstructing the espionage act and remanded the case for new trial. Mrs. Stokes was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

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GOODMAN BAKERY SOLD TO SHERIFF AYERS AND PARTNER

COUNTY OFFICIAL AND FRED MULLEN TAKE POSSESSION OF LA SALLE STREET ESTABLISHMENT OWNED BY SIGNOR GOODMAN.

A deal was closed this afternoon by Sheriff Curt Ayers and Fred H. Mullen for the purchase from Signor Goodman of the Goodman bakery and restaurant on La Salle street. The new proprietors will take possession today. They intend to remodel the store and make it into one of the most modern eating houses in the northern part of the state.

In the future it will be conducted under the management of Mr. Mullen and will be open for business every day in the week including Sundays. Three or four days and lunches will be served. Mr. Goodman will retain his bakery although the retail department will be conducted by the new proprietors and the output of Mr. Goodman's plant sold at the retail location.

MAYBE THIS WILL REMOVE THE STINK

(By the Associated Press.)
Chicago, March 9.—Plans for engineering projects which will make it possible to double the flow of water through the Chicago river will be laid before federal officials by members of the sanitary district who left for the capital today.

BRIDE OF FIVE WEEKS DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Mrs. Louise J. Price Chase, aged 25, of Westmont, wife of Charles Chase, a bride of a few weeks, died at noon today in the Ryerson Memorial hospital, after a five week illness of pneumonia.

Wanted the "Sweeper."

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